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## Kuwait

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Kuwait due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa can be obtained on arrival at Kuwait International Airport or online. Visa validity is usually 90 days, subject to Kuwait's discretion.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

+(965) 2259-1001; US Embassy Kuwait, Bayan, Block 13, Masjid Al-Aqsa Street, Kuwait City, Kuwait

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Dry desert; intensely hot summers; short, cool winters

### Currency (Code)

Kuwaiti dinars (KD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug type: G



### Major Languages

Arabic, English widely spoken

### Religions

Muslim 74.6%, Christian 18.2%, other and unspecified 7.2%; note: data represent the total population; about 69% of the population consists of immigrants

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Yes

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right

### Tourist destinations

Kuwait Towers; Al Kout Beach; Dhow Harbor; Katara Cultural Village; Failaka Island, Grand Mosque

<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Giving or receiving gifts with your left hand is considered disrespectful.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping is largely discretionary. Restaurants and hotels often add a 15% service charge. If no service charge is included, a 10% tip is considered appropriate. Gas station attendants, bellhops, and drivers all appreciate small tips of \$1-2 (USD) or the equivalent in dinars.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	965
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	777

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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